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UNIFORMITY.

Hibernian Convention Makes the Initiation Fee Three Dollars.

President Murphy Reports the Order in a Flourishing Condition.

Thomas Keenan Elected County President For Next Two Years.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE LAWS.

The biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Jefferson county was held Monday in this city, the exercises taking place in Hibernian Hall. County President John A. Murphy, who occupied the chair, opened the proceedings with a spirited address, which was given the closest attention. The business transacted was of a most important character, and the generally expressed opinion after adjournment was that much progress had been made toward the advancement of the order in Louisville.

Preceding the convention a brief session of the County Board was held. William J. McCarthy and Martin Mullen were received as delegates from Division 6. The reports of committees were received and filed, after which a committee was appointed to purchase a handsome emblem of the order for presentation to Frank G. Cunningham, now located in St. Louis, in appreciation of his services and great work as a member of the County Board. The board then adjourned, subject to the call of the new County President.

The report of the Credentials Committee, composed of the five Presidents, showed all the divisions represented. President Murphy appointed the following committees for the convention, and a recess was taken to give them time to report:

Laws—Tom Keenan, Harry Brady, William Meehan, George Butler, Lawrence Mackey.

Standing of Order—Peter Cusick, Thos. Camfield, Pat Sullivan, John Hennessy, William J. McCarthy.

Resolutions—John Mulloy, John Keane, Nic Sheridan, John Grogan, John Kilker.

Auditing—Louis Perranda, John Mooney, John Cavanaugh, George Flahiff, John Curran.

Military—Jerry Hallahan, Tim Sullivan, John Keane, Nic Sheridan, Martin Mullen.

Grievances—Tim Sullivan, Owen Keiran, Phil Cavanaugh, Thomas Lynch, Martin Mullen.

Upon reassembling the report of President John Murphy was read to the assembled delegates. It showed that 211 members had been admitted during his term of office. The expenditures for charitable work aggregated over \$3,000, and for death benefits more than \$2,000 had been paid out, and yet there was a handsome sum in the treasuries of the divisions. Among his recommendations was one that the order come before the public not oftener than twice a year—St. Patrick's day and another to be hereafter agreed upon—both occasions to be observed and participated in by all the divisions. He called attention to the handsome United States flag and banner belonging to the County Board and urged that they be given the greatest care, as they were perhaps the finest in the State. The report, which was an exhaustive one, was given the closest attention and made a fine impression on the delegates. His recommendations were generally reported favorably and concurred in.

The greatest interest was taken in the report of the Law Committee. Its recommendation that the initiation fee be made uniform for all divisions in Jefferson county was debated at length, the delegates being about equally divided upon the question. Upon the final vote the recommendation of the committee was adopted. Subsequently the initiation fee was fixed at \$3, to take effect upon the approval of the law by the State officers. This will not interfere with admitting members for \$1 for the present, therefore all who contemplate joining should do so at once, as the new rate may be put in effect by July 15. The arguments brought out many good reasons why the initiation fee should be still further advanced, the consensus of opinion being that no other similar organization granted so many benefits for the small sums paid in. Because the dues and initiation fee are reasonable many have the impression that the Ancient Order of Hibernians is a cheap organization, which is a great mistake. Because of its excellent management and high character of its membership it is enabled to accomplish much that other societies would fear to undertake.

Another most important law was that relating to the County Board. Heretofore that body has consisted of the five officers of the divisions. Under the new law the officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be in the hands of the County Presidents of the divisions in the interim between county conventions, but provision is made for the calling of special conventions whenever the President or two member think necessary.

The Auditing Committee reported the

financial statements of the officers correct, with a balance in the hands of Treasurer Keiran.

The Standing Committee's recommendations that measures be adopted for doubling the membership, that general social meetings be held more frequently, and that officers and members exchange visits oftener, thus becoming better acquainted and creating a more friendly intercourse and feeling, were unanimously concurred in.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted amidst the greatest enthusiasm:

Resolved, That we extend to our worthy County President, John A. Murphy, our sincere thanks for the interest he has taken in our order; that he has been loyal to the trust imposed on him, and has performed his arduous duties in a kind and conscientious manner.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to our worthy County Secretary, William T. Meehan, for the prompt, efficient and courteous manner in which he has performed his duties.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to our worthy County Treasurer, Owen Keiran, for the careful and conscientious manner in which he has performed the duties of his important office.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to William M. Higgins, representing the Kentucky Irish American, for the support his grand paper has given the Ancient Order of Hibernians; that we recommend said paper to all members of the order and the Irish people of Kentucky.

The Grievance Committee had nothing to act upon, and after the transaction of business of minor importance the chair announced that the election of a President to serve for two years was the next and last order of business. President Murphy refused to allow his name to be presented, stating that during the past fourteen years he had been many times honored, but that whoever his successor might be he would have his hearty cooperation and support.

The first ballot was informal, those voted for being Messrs. Tom Keenan, Wm. Meehan, Nic Sheridan and Joe Taylor, all of whom were complimented by their division representatives. The count of the third ballot showed a majority over all for Tom Keenan, the popular President of Division 1, and he was declared County President for the ensuing two years.

Upon motion of William Meehan, President of Division 2, and seconded by the other gentlemen voted for, the election was made unanimous. The announcement of the result by President Murphy was greeted with hearty applause. The newly elected officer was installed by State Secretary James Coleman. Upon vacating the chair Mr. Murphy made a ringing speech, asking all the members to give his successor their hearty support, and send him to Denver two years hence with the best report ever forwarded from Louisville.

President Keenan responded, briefly, expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and the great responsibility of the high office to which he had been elected. He pledged his best efforts to carry on the grand work of the order, but urged the members to co-operate with him.

After a motion had been carried authorizing the convening of the present board at the call of the President, the convention adjourned.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Will Give Euchre and Entertainment at Fountain Ferry.

Those who witnessed the grand euchre given by the Catholic Knights of America some months ago will be pleased to know that the Central Committee has arranged for another, which will take place at Fountain Ferry on July 12. At the meeting at St. Boniface Hall last Monday night John J. Score was made General Music Director for the occasion. No better selection could have been made, as the popular Secretary is a hustler in everything that pertains to the order and the coming State convention. Among those who will have charge of the euchre are Messrs. Joe McGinn, Will Meehan, John Nolan, Feldhaus, Geher, Webber and Reichart. The committee will meet again Monday evening at St. Francis' Hall.

UNION LABELS.

Harry Skeffington, a prominent Boston labor leader and officer of the International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, spent the past week here in the interest of union-made footwear and the label of his organization. Each evening he addressed a number of labor organization on the subject of union labels. He is a pleasing and forcible speaker and made a fine impression by his conservatism and gentlemanly manner. Several large houses gave him their promise that they would place their fall orders only with factories employing union workmen. Were the label goods always demanded people would not be swindled with penitentiary goods.

SUCCESSFUL EXCURSION.

The excursion and picnic of St. Paul's church at Fern Grove last Monday was the most successful one that ever went up the river, both socially and financially. The crowd numbered over 3,700 persons, all of whom returned well pleased with the delightful time they had. As predicted in these columns last week, there were no evidences whatever of intoxi-

cants either on the boats or grounds, a fact that St. Paul's congregation is to be congratulated upon, and the example could well be followed by all other congregations of this city. Rev. Father York and the various committees have reason to be proud of their achievements, as hundreds would like to have the opportunity of attending another such affair. The reports that Father York was attacked while on his way home are untrue. Several suspicious characters were at the landing when the boat arrived, but they were under police surveillance. They are known to the detectives and may soon land behind the bars.

INDIANA'S CONVENTION

Judge Edward Reardon Made State President For Two Years.

The twentieth annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Indiana was held in Lafayette last week, with an unusually large attendance of delegates. The arrangements by the Lafayette divisions for the reception of the visitors were complete. The programme was excellently arranged, and all pronounced the convention the best they ever attended.

Solemn high mass at St. Ann's church preceded the opening session. Rev. Father Roche was the celebrant, assisted by local and visiting priests, and the sermon by Rev. Father Byrne, of Union City, was a masterly effort. The convention opened at Hibernian Hall at noon, when Col. DeHart delivered an address of welcome, which was happily responded to by State President O'Hara. The afternoon session was taken up with the regular order of business and the reports of officers. President O'Hara announced the committees for the convention. New Albany and Jeffersonville fared well, James Doherty and Pat Kennedy being both placed on the two most important ones, constitution and laws and resolutions and printing.

Secretary O'Brien's report showed that there are twenty-three counties organized in the State and thirty-six divisions, the increase in membership since last report being 549.

State Treasurer Barney Coll, of Jeffersonville, made a satisfactory financial report, showing an increase in the treasury during the past year of over \$3,000, with \$17,591.81 on hand.

The morning session of the second day was taken up with the reports of committees, those of the officers having been found in proper form and correct. Then followed the annual address of State President O'Hara, which was a pleasing and satisfactory one. Speaking of the standing of the order he said: "The membership of our order has been steadily increasing since our last convention, and the prospect for the future of the order in the State is encouraging indeed. New divisions have been formed, and to those already in existence have been added new members. The future of our order was never brighter than that at the present time. The National sentiment has never been stronger, and there has never been more enthusiasm within and for our organization than exists at this time."

The officers elected for the ensuing two years are as follows:
President—Edward D. Reardon, Anderson.
Secretary—M. J. O'Brien, Richmond.
Treasurer—Patrick Walsh, Terre Haute.
Chaplain—Rev. William J. Quinlan, Marion.

It was decided to hold the next convention, which will be held in 1902, at Anderson, the home of the new State President, Judge Reardon.

State President O'Hara, State Treasurer Barney Coll and Rev. Father Byrne, who had been elected for three consecutive terms, declined further honors, and made many friends thereby.

The most important report presented was that providing for changes which will make the by-laws of the State organization conform to those of the national body. A resolution was adopted requesting the different County Boards to appoint committees whose duty it will be to interest the parochial school teachers in introducing Irish music in the schools. The newly elected officers were installed by Rev. Father Byrne, retiring State Chaplain and a member of the National Board of Directors. After a brief address by the retiring President and remarks by others the convention adjourned.

The delegates and visitors were then given a trolley ride, which was followed by a grand banquet at night at the Hotel Lahr, where between the courses there was much mirth and humor. Quite a number of set toasts were responded to and the closing feature of the convention was at an end. The arrangements were made by M. C. Sheehan, S. J. Hannagan, James Scholler, William Seeger, Daniel Flanagan, J. F. Connell, John Ryan, Patrick Fitzsimmons and David Hurley, Jr., and were complete in every respect.

LEAVES THE MONON.

Martin Sheehan, who for a number of years has been with the Monon railroad, resigned his position this week. He will henceforth be associated with his uncle, Michael Sheehan, the well-known grocer at Nineteenth and Portland avenue, where his many railroad friends will be welcome.

CO-OPERATIVE MINES IN COLORADO.

Officers of the Colorado State Federation of Labor are arranging to lease from the State a large amount of coal and mineral land, on which mines will be opened on the co-operative plan.

FEDERATION.

Movement Well Under Way For Union of Local Catholic Societies.

Largely Attended Meeting of Representative Citizens Last Sunday.

A Platform Adopted and Submitted to Organizations For Approval.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION FORMED.

For some time past leading Catholic gentlemen of this city have been giving much attention to the question of a closer and more friendly affiliation of the different Catholic societies of Louisville. With this end in view the Catholic Club of this city took the initiatory step, and during the early part of the month issued an address, signed by Messrs. H. D. Rodman, Thomas Walsh, Matt O'Doherty, E. J. McDermott, John J. Barrett, J. W. Jenkins, John Silberg, Frank B. Geher and J. B. Oligschlager, calling upon all Catholic societies to send representatives to a meeting to be held at Satolli Hall for the purpose of considering the suggestions of the committee. These were:

First—To establish a bond of closer friendship among the Catholic societies of Louisville and vicinity.

Second—To work for the general welfare of Catholic interests apart from the object of each organization, leaving each society with its own government and officers, but establishing a central board for the purpose of better carrying out the principles of fraternity and fellowship advocated by all.

In response to the invitation of the Catholic Club many societies were represented, as follows:

Catholic Club—E. J. McDermott, Dr. J. W. Fowler, J. W. Jenkins.

Knights of Columbus—Charles F. Taylor, John J. Flynn, R. A. Watson.

Division 1, Hibernians—James Rogers, William M. Higgins.

Division 2, Hibernians—John Keane, John Mooney, William Meehan.

Division 3, Hibernians—John Cavanaugh, James Coleman, Pat Sullivan.

Satolli Council—Walter Morgan, James Perry.

Trinity Council—E. J. Bosler, James B. Kelly.

Mackin Council—M. L. Flynn, R. L. Fisher, C. H. Zook.

The various branches of the Catholic Knights of America represented were as follows:

Branch 4—Peter Dowling, John Score.

Branch 14—John Packler.

Branch 24—Patrick Kelly, Joe McGinn.

Branch 332—John Selbert, H. F. Stoerr.

Branch 21—Pat Holly.

Branch 45—J. B. Herm.

Branch 25—Will T. Meehan, John Nolan, Mike Hill.

Eight branches of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America responded with the following:

Branch 11—John Seeger, George Schlafer, J. W. Arnold.

Branch 5—John Niland, Dan Tierney, Mike Hoban.

Branch 74—Miss Mary Barrett.

Branch 8—John J. Barrett.

Branch 4—James Kenealey, John Rudd.

Branch 19—H. F. Stoerr.

Branch 1—William Casey, Miss Lillian O'Hearn.

Branch 92—Henry Wellenkamp, William Kuhn.

St. Vincent de Paul—Thomas Walsh.

There are many others which had not met, and they will also likely take favorable action.

A temporary organization was perfected, with Hon. Edward J. McDermott as Chairman and J. W. Jenkins as Secretary. After interesting talks explaining the advisability and advantages to be derived from the proposed federation, which will be on the line suggested by Bishop McPaul in his letter to the Hibernian national convention, R. A. Watson, of the Knights of Columbus, presented a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of seven to draft plans for the formation of the organization, which was adopted, to report at the meeting held last Sunday. Chairman McDermott named the following committee:

Young Men's Institute—James B. Kelly.

Knights of Columbus—R. A. Watson.

Catholic Knights—John Packler.

Knights and Ladies—Daniel Tierney.

Catholic Club—J. W. Jenkins.

Second—This organization shall be non-partisan and non-political.

Third—Each Catholic organization, branch, council or division of same shall have the right to send as delegates to the union one representative for each twenty-five of its members, but each organization, branch, council or division shall have at least one representative.

Fourth—Said union shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from among its members, and a Director for each organization, branch, council or division represented. Said officers shall be elected for one year, and shall constitute the Board of Directors. Said Board of Directors shall have full management and control of all the affairs of the Catholic Union, subject to such by-laws as may be adopted by the union.

Fifth—Each organization, branch, council or division of same becoming a member of the union shall pay to the Treasurer thereof the sum of \$1 per month, payable quarterly in advance, which shall be used to defray current expenses of same.

The gentlemen who formulated the foregoing were instructed to prepare an address to be forwarded to the societies eligible to membership.

The next meeting takes place at Satolli Hall on the second Sunday in July.

PRESIDENT CAVANAUGH

The First Election of the Year Among the Hibernian Divisions.

The annual election of officers drew forth an unusually large attendance at the meeting of Division 3 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians last Wednesday evening. Great enthusiasm prevailed and the election of each officer was unanimous. President Patrick Sullivan, than whom there is no more highly esteemed member, urged the selection of a young man as his successor, his duties being such that rendered further acceptance of office impossible. John Cavanaugh, one of the best-known and most popular Hibernians in Louisville, was placed in nomination by State Secretary James Coleman. His election was by acclamation, as were those of the others. The new officers, who are all hustlers and will give the other divisions a warm race for supremacy, are as follows:

President—John Cavanaugh.

Vice President—Mike J. Hoban.

Recording Secretary—Nic Sheridan.

Financial Secretary—Martin F. Ford, 115 Twentieth street.

Treasurer—George J. Butler.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Pat Begley.

Sentinel—William Leonard.

Standing Committee—Patrick Higgins, Walter Joyce, Con Kelleher, Pat Grogan, Tim McCarthy.

Action on the communication from the proposed Catholic Union was deferred till the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in July, when the installation will take place. It was decided not to hold a meeting on the Fourth of July.

President Sullivan congratulated the members on the officers they had selected. They will ably serve the division and have his assistance toward again making this the leading division of the city.

The reports show a good treasury and not a single bill unpaid. Strong efforts will be made to increase the membership before the new initiation fee goes into effect.

CUMMINGS' SPEECH.

Private John Allen's Lugubrious and Laughable Interruption.

For many a long day Amos Cummings, Representative in Congress from one of the New York districts, has been waiting for a chance to get even with "Private" John Allen, of Tupelo, Miss., the trouble being that the Mississippi Congressman on one occasion raised a roaring laugh at the expense of the New Yorker. The two men are the best of friends and are very fond of joking each other. Mr. Cummings is among the most tender-hearted of men and has long been an especial advocate of any and all measures for the protection of American birds. Some time ago he was speaking on this subject in the House, the occasion being a discussion of Representative Lacey's bill to prevent the importation of certain of the feathered tribe. Mr. Cummings was telling how wicked the English sparrows were.

"Only the other day," he said, "I was walking through the Capitol grounds, when I saw a poor little robin surrounded by sparrows that were picking it to pieces. At my approach the sparrows flew away, but the robin was unable to use its wings. I picked it up and took it to my home, a short distance away. There I gave it a drink of brandy and it died a moment later. Under its wings—"

Here Allen broke in, speaking in the most woe-begone tones:

"If it was from the bottle out of which you gave me a drink yesterday I wonder it lived even for that moment."

The House broke into a roar, which was repeated at the look of pained surprise assumed by the Mississippi joker. Mr. Cummings looked reproachfully at his Southern friend, shook his fist at him and finally joined in the laugh and sat down without disclosing what was under the robin's wing.

JEFFERSONVILLE.

Hibernians Elect Their Officers—Picnic Was a Grand Success.

Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Jeffersonville held a very interesting meeting Tuesday night with a large attendance of members, when the election of officers took place. This division has made rapid strides during the past year under the Presidency of Will Reilly, and his election to the County Presidency was a proper recognition of his past services. His successor, Robert Gleason, is one of the most popular young men in Southern Indiana, and there is no doubt but that he will wear the honor conferred with dignity and ability. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing term:

County President—William P. Reilly.

President—Robert Gleason.

Vice President—John Kinney.

Recording Secretary—Dan Gleason.

Financial Secretary—Frank Hogan.

Treasurer—Michael Kinney.

The installation will take place at the next meeting, when visitors are expected in large numbers from Louisville and New Albany.

The picnic given at Forest Park Monday night was the most enjoyable one given thus far this year in Jeffersonville. Early in the evening people began arriving in large numbers, and at 9 o'clock the pretty little park presented an animated scene. The best of good feeling prevailed and old and young had the good time they expected. Division 1 has in its ranks many young members who are hustlers, and under the careful directions of the older heads everything they undertake ends successfully, but none more so than the picnic just given, as the reports of the Finance Committee will show.

The crowd embraced the best people in Jeffersonville, and included Mayor Rader, City Clerk Hassan, City Treasurer Lindley and other prominent officials. Among the visitors from Louisville were representatives of Divisions 1, 3 and 4, with Col. Joe Taylor, Lieut. Jerry Hallahan, James Keane and Con Hallahan from the Hibernian Knights. Throngs crowded the dancing hall, bowling alleys and park, and the pleasure of all was looked after by the members of the committee having the affair in charge.

Mr. John Keane's many friends will regret his removal from Jeffersonville. He will hereafter devote his time to the cultivation of his farm.

BURNS WERE FATAL.

Sad Death of a Highly Respected and Aged Lady.

Mrs. Mary Mulligan, a well-known and highly-respected lady of the West End, aged sixty years, met with a terrible accident, which resulted in her death at an early hour Thursday morning. Wednesday evening she was preparing the family supper on an oil stove, from which her clothes caught fire. In an instant she was ablaze, and she was fatally burned before assistance reached her. When her son William arrived on the scene he made every effort to save the unfortunate lady, suffering severe burns himself, but without success.

Mrs. Mulligan was immediately removed to the home of her son-in-law, William D. Harris, 1809 West Jefferson street, where everything known to medical skill and loving hands was done to alleviate her sufferings, but without avail, and her soul winged its way heavenward shortly after midnight.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William Harris, and a grown son, William Mulligan, for whom great sympathy is felt in the loss of their venerable mother.

The funeral took place Friday morning from St. Patrick's church with solemn requiem mass, and the large attendance of sorrowing friends and relatives attested the high esteem in which she was held. Mrs. Mulligan was a lady of many Christian virtues, whose kindly advice was frequently sought, and her sad death cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood in which she resided. None there are who will not say "May her soul rest in peace."

CELEBRATION AT LEXINGTON.

The members of the Lexington Young Men's Institute are making great preparations for their annual Fourth of July picnic, which will be held at the beautiful Fair Grounds. The programme for this event will be one to attract the young people from the Bluegrass section, and as there will be no marked observance of the day here many Louisvillians will doubtless attend. Here is a splendid chance for a large excursion. The Lexington Democrat says the young men will make the coming picnic a record-breaker. The Lexington Council is perhaps the strongest and most progressive in the State, embracing in its membership all the leading young men of the Bluegrass capital.

VOCATION.

Dr. John B. Enright's Brilliant Address at St. Mary's College.

Seventy-Ninth Commencement of That Historical Institution.

Tribute to Pope Leo in Irish Language Delivered by A. Griffith.

UNUSUALLY INTERESTING EXERCISES

The exercises at the seventy-ninth annual commencement at St. Mary's College last Wednesday were unusually brilliant and interesting, the programme being the best ever presented at that historic seat of learning. There were twelve numbers, two of the most interesting being the "Polyglot Tribute to Leo XIII." and "Uncle Sam's Tribulations," rendered by the College Dramatic Society. The tribute to His Holiness in Irish was delivered by A. Griffith, and while not generally understood created a decided impression by its musical rendition. "Uncle Sam's Tribulations" was a pleasing burlesque, many times convulsing the audience with laughter. The members of the company displayed talent of a very high order.

Able orations on Catholic literature and Catholic education were delivered by Messrs. L. Carrico and H. Medcalf, after which followed the awarding of diplomas and medals and distribution of premiums.

Dr. John B. Enright, of this city, Professor of Anatomy in the Kentucky School of Medicine, was honored with the degree of Master of Arts, and many went from this city to witness the ceremony. Dr. Enright also delivered the doctorate address, which was pronounced one of the most scholarly and brilliant ever heard within the walls of St. Mary's, and we feel justified in printing it full. It was as follows:

Very Rev. President, Very Rev. and Rev. Visiting Clergy, Rev. Professors and Associate Lay Conferees, Ladies and Gentlemen: The approaching meridian of day admonishes me to be brief in addressing you.

Brevity is the soul of authorship; so likewise eloquent terseness is the magic charm that lures us on to a delightful forgetfulness of passing time. A score of years is a very long time in an individual life. That be as it may, twenty-two years have come and gone since I received the degree of (A. B.) Bachelor of Arts. God knows since that time I have had my ups and downs, my successes and my reverses, my defeats and my triumphs. But during all these years I have never ceased to be a student and hope to continue as such as long as my memory remains a power of my mind and that an attribute of my soul. Therefore the pith of whatever I may be about to say is not especially intended for the addition of this splendid course, representing as they do the beauty and chivalry of this grand old Commonwealth, but is to be specifically directed to the consideration of these young men upon whom degrees are about to be conferred, as well as those that look forward to the day of their graduation. Advice is the cheapest thing in the world, but to you who are about to enter the real battle of life perhaps a few words of counsel may be of an inestimable value. A wise counsel may serve as a compass to direct your way. A number of these may serve as so many beacon lights to illumine the oceanic pathways of your inexperience and spirit you away from pathless seas to shores where there are no uncertain fields, to grazing lands that will not only yield you a livelihood but by proper cultivation land you on a pinnacle of fame or perchance exalt you to a plateau of renown. Is this all? No. What is better, these good things may so fortify you that when your life's work is done they may pilot you to a heavenly haven, to enjoy for all eternity a never ending peace and an everlasting joy; in a word, behold the beatific vision of God. I shall not detain you long; but if the truths I enunciate today shall be the means of arousing the spirit of even one young man to a proper conception of the wonderful responsibilities of this life, then they shall not have been uttered in vain. Most, I may say, all of you have no real conception of the trials and difficulties that await you. Until now you have sailed on placid seas, with no real troubles to divert or lash your craft to and fro. While basking under the benign influences and comforts of home the happy halcyon childhood days have passed away. The period of your adolescence is likewise fitting by, and mark my words, your college days have been the happiest ones that you will ever experience. You are unable to grasp this truth in its entirety just now, but let me tell you that crucial test of all things, mirror to your mind in after years the wisdom, the fact, the crystal purity of this truth. From now on, instead of drifting as you have hitherto done on placid waters, your ship shall be hurled along on the mad rolling waves of the angry ocean of life. Gentlemen, this is no overdrawn picture; therefore be brave, man your ship nobly

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